



# Owl Post

Week of January 25, 2021

## Upcoming Events:

**January 28<sup>th</sup>** | Day between semesters – NO SCHOOL

**January 28<sup>th</sup>** | STEM K-8 Online Tours (see details below)

**February 2<sup>nd</sup>** | 3-6PM STEM Outdoor Library

**February 1-12<sup>th</sup>** | Open enrollment period for school choice

**February 4<sup>th</sup>** | 6:00-7PM STEM K-8 Middle School Open House

**February 11<sup>th</sup>** | 6:30-8PM STEM PTA Meeting

**To JOIN THE PTA, please use this link:**

**<https://www.memberplanet.com/packetview/louisaborenstemk-8pta/louisaborenstemk-8pta>**

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## Message from Principal Ostrom:



### Louisa Boren STEM K-8 Families,

Things are going to be busy on the planning front for the next month. Guidance is starting to emerge that will support planning for the targeted date of March 1 to return to in-person learning for Pre K – 1<sup>st</sup> graders. Roughly 50% of families stated an interest to returning to school if it is able to reopen.

At the same time, we are beginning to grapple with budget planning for the 2021-22 school year. The school board has already begun initial deliberations regarding how to address significant projected resource shortfalls. One decision that seems likely is increasing the funded class size across the district for 4-12<sup>th</sup> graders by one student. Another item being discussed that would have giant implications for STEM K-8 and other option schools is cutting transportation at option schools. Such an action would obviously have a huge impact on STEM K-8 and other Option school families. As details of that possibility emerge, I will share them along with opportunities for input.

We are in the midst of a strange remote enrollment season. Families that want to choose an option school need to fill out choice form between Feb. 1-12<sup>th</sup>. For students currently attending STEM you don't need to fill one out; however, if you have a new sibling that you are trying to register at our school turn in an online choice form available at [seattleschools.org](http://seattleschools.org) between Feb. 1<sup>st</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> for their enrollment to be guaranteed. If you know other families looking for school, you can share our remaining enrollment outreach activities (also available at [STEMK8PTA.org](http://STEMK8PTA.org)). The listings below are live links that can be forwarded for STEM K-8 online enrollment events.

- [Jan 28: 9:00am - 10:00. STEM K-8. Middle School Tour](#)
- [Jan 28: 6:00pm-7:00 STEM K-8. Elementary Open House \(Includes Teachers\)](#)
- [Feb 4: 6:00pm-7:00 STEM K-8. Middle School Open House \(Includes Teachers\)](#)

Don't forget this Thursday, January 28<sup>th</sup> is the day between semesters and there is no school for students or teachers!

Stay healthy, brilliant, and sane,

**Ben Ostrom**  
**STEM K-8 Principal**

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**Virtual STEM tours before open enrollment period (Feb 1-12). Please let any families you know who are interested.**

## **Microsoft Teams meeting**

Join on your computer or mobile app.

**[Jan 21: 9:00am - 10:00. STEM K-8 Elementary Tour](#)**

Or call in (audio only)

[+1 206-800-4125,317513772#](tel:+12068004125317513772) United States, Seattle  
Phone Conference ID: 317 513 772#

Join on your computer or mobile app

**[Jan 28: 9:00am - 10:00. STEM K-8. Middle School Tour](#)**

Or call in (audio only)

[+1 206-800-4125,347525951#](tel:+12068004125347525951) United States, Seattle  
Phone Conference ID: 347 525 951#

Join on your computer or mobile app

**[Jan 28: 6:00pm-7:00 STEM K-8. Elementary Open House \(Includes Teachers\)](#)**

Or call in (audio only)

[+1 206-800-4125,805082460#](tel:+12068004125805082460) United States, Seattle  
Phone Conference ID: 805 082 460#

Join on your computer or mobile app

**[Feb 4: 6:00pm-7:00 STEM K-8. Middle School Open House \(Includes Teachers\)](#)**

Or call in (audio only)

[+1 206-800-4125,215750325#](tel:+12068004125215750325) United States, Seattle  
Phone Conference ID: 215 750 325#

## **SPS Open Enrollment timeline:**

- **Online registration for new students** for 2021-22 school year begins: Jan. 4, 2021
  - **Open Enrollment for School Choice:** Feb. 1 - 12, 2021
  - **Open Enrollment results** available online in April
  - **School Choice Window Closes:** May 31, 2020
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"Hi **STEM families!** We are collaborating with the Delridge Co-op and they have generously offered 4 spots for free weekly produce boxes with fresh fruits and veggies. Pick-up would be every Saturday. If this is something that would benefit your family- please tell your teacher or school counselor, Danielle at [dnblechert@seattleschools.org](mailto:dnblechert@seattleschools.org). Thanks!"

**Danielle Blechert** (*she/her/hers*)

School Counselor, STEM K-8

Phone #-call: (425)528- 0951

text: (425) 243-7836

COVID-19 Community Resources: <https://www.uwkc.org/need-help/covid-19-resources/>

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### STEM Library Statistics

20,000 Titles

33% 2015 or newer

49% Literary Text  
46% informational text  
for **STEMification** needs

40% Diversity

40% SEL

## Attention STEM Athletes:

We would like for all students to drop off their updated physical forms in the STEM main office by January 30th. The neighborhood clinic is doing free physicals for all SPS student athletes. any questions please contact the Athletic Coordinator: [soglaspy@seattleschools.org](mailto:soglaspy@seattleschools.org)



**GET YOUR SPORTS PHYSICAL!**

**WHO: All Seattle Public Schools students**  
**WHEN: Monday through Friday**  
**WHERE: Denny Middle School Wellness Center**

**COST: We do not charge fees or copays, though we may bill your insurance. There is no cost to you. No student will be denied services due to inability to pay.**

**STEP 1: Register by scanning the QR code below with your phone or call our clinic to request a registration form via email.**

**STEP 2: Call (206) 923-2809 to schedule your appointment!**



To contact us : Call (206) 923-2809

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If you are interested in participating in Sports during the Second Semester, please fill out this survey:

[https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=WNEx1HRgMkiHg1Hqb23SJ4ei3jqrS65MkSt95y0\\_BqFUOEhHQTgyVDc1WTdQRUM2UIQ0RDFV0EVTNy4u](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=WNEx1HRgMkiHg1Hqb23SJ4ei3jqrS65MkSt95y0_BqFUOEhHQTgyVDc1WTdQRUM2UIQ0RDFV0EVTNy4u)





# THE CENTER SCHOOL'S VIRTUAL OPEN HOUSES

January 20th &  
January 25th

For students: 6-6:30  
For families: 7-7:30

Links to join:  
1/20: [bit.ly/tcsvirtual120](https://bit.ly/tcsvirtual120)  
1/25: [bit.ly/tcsvirtual125](https://bit.ly/tcsvirtual125)

WATCH INFO VIDEOS @  
[CENTERHS.SEATTLESCHOOLS.ORG](https://CENTERHS.SEATTLESCHOOLS.ORG)



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## LGBTQ+ NEWS & Resources:

### Hi there, LGBTQ+ Families Dinner Families and Friends!

We wanted to send some love your way along with an event update! This year has been tough for many reasons and that toughness has been punctuated by our inability to convene for our beloved LGBTQ+ Families Dinner event. Know that we miss you all and that we are still dedicated to holding virtual space for our families! With this in mind, we share our new plan with you!

We invite you to our...  
LGBTQ+ Families Dinner Series!

This LGBTQ+ Families Dinner Series is a virtual opportunity for people to connect across shared identities and experiences. Each event in the series is specifically intended for the group highlighted by the event. If you belong to more than one group, you are of course welcome to come to each event that aligns with your experience.

Here are the events!

**01/21 [LGBTQ+ Families of SPS Students](#)** – specifically for LGBTQ+ Families of SPS Students

**02/11 [LGBTQ+ Students and their Families](#)** – specifically for LGBTQ+ Students and their Families

**03/18 [LGBTQ+ Elementary School Students and their Families](#)** – specifically for LGBTQ+ Elementary School Students and their Families

**04/08 [LGBTQ+ SPS Staff and their Families](#)** – specifically for LGBTQ+ SPS Staff

### Agendas

2021 Events

5pm-6pm

5pm Welcome

5:10pm-5:50pm Facilitated Discussion

5:50pm Close Out

Brennon Ham is your host and contact for these events. Feel free to reach out to Brennon if you have any questions.

**Brennon Ham** (*pronouns: Brennon/they/he/she*)

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## SHOP AND EARN - RAISE FUNDS FOR STEM

You can support STEM through the shopping you already do!

A full list with links to participating stores is online:

<http://stemk8pta.org/get-involved/shop-earn/>

*Please note that some stores may still list our school as "K-5 STEM"*

	<p><b>Amazon</b> - Use the link below or connect through our school website to Amazon. They send us a check based on the amount you purchase. <a href="http://stemk8pta.org/get-involved/shop-earn/amazon-com/">http://stemk8pta.org/get-involved/shop-earn/amazon-com/</a></p>
	<p><b>Bartell Drugs 'B' Caring Card</b> - Up to 4% of your purchase amount is contributed to our school. Register your 'B' Caring Card in-store, on-line, or call 1-800-931-6258. Once registered, have the cashier swipe your 'B' Caring Card at the checkout or type in your 10-digit phone number.</p>
	<p><b>Box Tops for Education</b> – Use the new Box Tops app to scan your receipt. The app will find participating products purchased at any store and instantly add cash to our school's earnings online.</p>
	<p><b>Shutterfly &amp; Tiny Prints</b> - Use our School Storefront to earn 8% for STEM. <a href="http://stem.shutterflystorefront.com/">http://stem.shutterflystorefront.com/</a></p>
	<p><b>West Seattle Thriftway</b> – 1% of the purchase price of every item you buy is returned to our school. Drop off your West Seattle Thriftway receipts in the donation box in the school office.</p>
	<p><b>Fred Meyer &amp; Kroger</b>– A digital account is needed to participate in Fred Meyer Community Rewards. If you already have a digital account, simply link your Shopper's Card to your account and add STEM.</p>